

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 364

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Monica Balon Harper,
2001 Valedictorian of Frayser High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Monica Balon Harper is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Frayser High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Monica has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, Ms. Harper has earned an exemplary 4.3 grade point average; she is a member of the National Honor Society, a National Achievement Scholarship finalist, a Coca Cola Scholarship finalist and a Quaker Oats Scholarship recipient; and

WHEREAS, Monica's academic prowess has resulted in her receiving the YEA! Award, the Teachers' Choice Award, the Science Award and the PTSA Presidential Award for 1999; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harper has made a mark in sports at Frayser, serving as Captain of the Cross Country Team from 1997-2000, serving as Track Captain for 2000-2001, and participating in Volleyball and Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Eager to help others, Monica is a tutor at Frayser High School, works with Tennessee Mentorship, acts as a free babysitter for the poor and disadvantaged, and is a regular blood donor; and

WHEREAS, Monica's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, majoring in Business Administration and Secondary Education with the goal of teaching in the Memphis City School System for four years and then pursuing a business career; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Harper's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mrs. Katie Harper and Mr. Willie Nelson, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Monica's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Frayser High School Valedictorian, Monica Balon Harper, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.